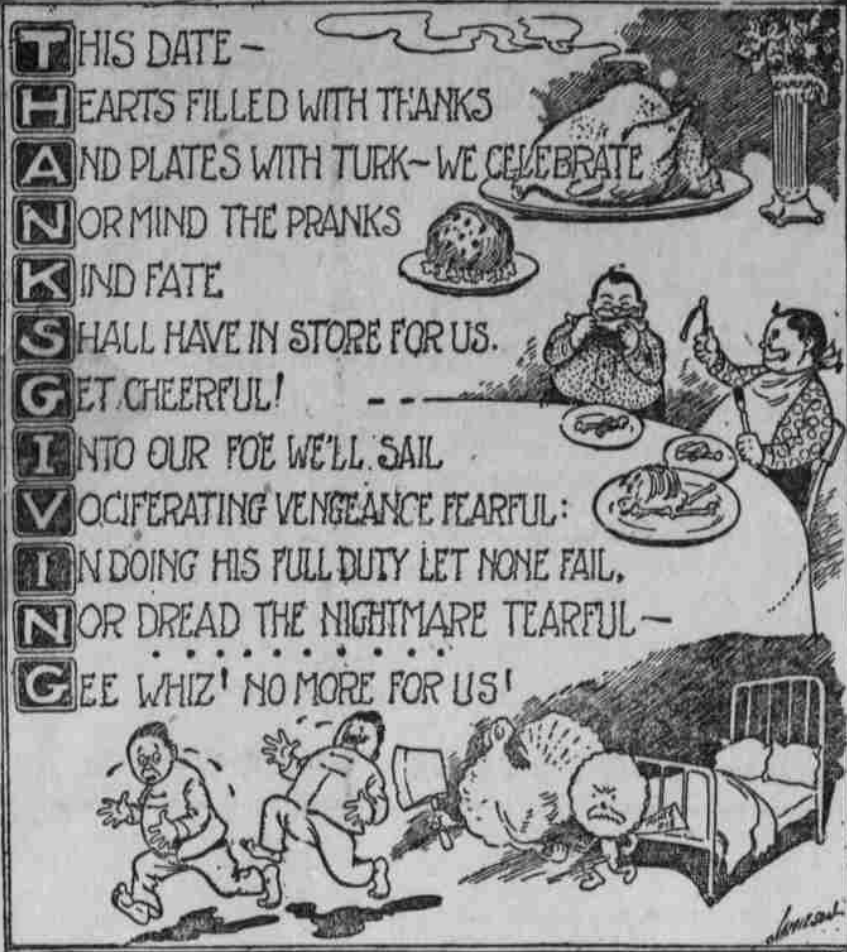


THE DAY WE GIVE THANKS.



When Turkey Reigns as Royal Sacrifice.

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Western Continent.

When Thanksgiving day comes and families gather around the feast of which the turkey reigns as royal sacrifice, it is the hour to win opinion regarding the American national bird.

Long has the eagle soared and screamed and flapped its wings, but no day of regard has been put in its honor in the calendar.

When it comes to antiquity and a true American lineage the turkey takes precedence. Patriotic societies are finding this out, and committees are considering the advisability of making a place for the bird among national emblems. The eagle is a cosmopolitan, the bird of Jove; the turkey—genus meleagris—belongs to the western continent.

The sacrifice on the altar of thanksgiving is a species distinct from winged and feathered fowl of a distant relationship found in Europe.

The American turkey was among the strange birds discovered by the Spaniards when they invaded Mexico. Oviedo describes it about 1527 as domesticated among the christianized Indians of New Spain (Mexico), and being the bird reserved for festivals. Gay describes the gallopavo sylvestris—the wild turkey of New England—as the wonder of the pilgrim fathers, and from all this data it will be seen that the turkey has a claim to national tribute.

Virginia and Missouri historians write of turkey fowls as peculiar to their wooded hills, but Rhode Island has laid an official claim to the best bred stock that goes abroad. Little Rhody bases its traditions on the customs of the Narragansett Indians, a tribe which once ruled the entire New England area, but became extinct during King Philip's war.

The Narragansetts treasured the turkey as a sacred bird after their days the Niantics took the matter up both for the cause of religion and for the comfort of their stomachs and thus preserved the species from extinction and brought the Rhode Island fame high on the marts that cater to feasts and festivals.

The Rhode Island turkey lives in the hills, feasts on insects and herbs best calculated to make it delectable to epicures and has become desired from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The white turkey comes from the confines of the state and for some years the presidential Thanksgiving dinner has been presided over by an immense bird of the New England stock.

As the Indian and the native customs even of Mistress Anne Hutchinson and Roger Williams are forgotten by latter day Rhode Island sons and daughters, so the turkey of that peculiar breed is passing away. Reports from the state agricultural stations give dire statistics of fatal disease among the turkeys and the vanishing from the land.

In this year Missouri, Indiana and Wisconsin are banner turkey states. The uncut timber and rough ground are good roving places, and the deadly microbe has not found its way to slaughter the innocents.

White with iris-tinted feathers, bronze reflecting the shades of their distant relatives the peafowls, dark hues with rainbow tints and brilliant red dew laps and head ornaments, strutting along the roads in dignified flocks, perching gracefully on fence rails and sounding the piercing call—thus they have been seen in any country byway before the November knell was sounded.

Thanksgiving Day the Oldest of Our Holidays.

First Enjoined as Religious as Well as
Civic Obligation, the Spirit of
the Season Remains.

It is a season of gladness traditions. Far away as are our lives from those of the little band of colonists of Massachusetts Bay who reverently established a day of thanksgiving for mercies which to us seem no more than the commonplace of a meagre existence, the spirit of the occasion survives.

Through all the vicissitudes of our national development, Thanksgiving day has been preserved as peculiarly the New England memorial. For generations it had a sectional observance and a limited significance. It was not until the white heat of the civil war fused our people of all sections into a nation homogeneous, that the New England Thanksgiving was made that of the whole country.

Since the first proclamation by the president, calling for the observance of a day of thanks for the preservation of the union of the states, the custom has been maintained; the generation of to-day knows it in this character alone.

This is the oldest of our holidays. In the early times of sectarian intolerance, when church and state were joined in the rule of Massachusetts, there was no Christmas, under the law. Observance of the natal day of the Prince of Peace was discouraged, if not absolutely prohibited, by harsh enactments. But the recognition of the day of thanksgiving was enjoined as a religious as well as a civic obligation.

All this is changed in the growth of our people, our commonwealth, our nation, to the stature which we see to-day. Our whole people unite in the giving of thanks; and if the religious element is given less prominence in the forms with which the day is observed, in the hearts of all there is a no less reverent gratitude for the benefactions with which the Power which rules the universe has crowned the life of people and of individuals in this happy age.

We must be glad, every one of us, that we live to-day. The condition of humanity is not perfect; there are cruel exceptions to universal human felicity; but the advance has not only been great but steady and full of marvelous promise for the race. And as for the immediate present, we have only to compare existing conditions of physical comfort, of intellectual improvement, of moral and social uplifting, with those enjoyed by our predecessors, to feel a wave of congratulation surge over our hearts.

Personally, many of us may feel that fortune, or providence, has dealt harshly with us during the past year. There have been disappointments, perhaps grievous afflictions, whose pain is not yet dulled. Let such summon up the resources of the faith that sustained the men of the first Thanksgiving days, who felt as well as believed that "whom the Lord loveth, them he chasteneth;" and let all look forward straight into the future where the sun shines with a glory and a gracious warmth unknown to the race of mankind at any period before this favored century.

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